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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25/26 September 2021

“If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.”

Mark 9, 41

WELCOME & THANK YOU

Father John Sharp, up until this summer Parish Priest of Baddesley Clinton (Archdiocese of Birmingham) and for 20 yrs Diocesan Archivist, will be celebrating Masses this weekend of 25/26 September. Fr Sharp will also celebrate Mass on the morning of Saturday 25 at 10.00 and on Monday and Tuesday 27 - 28 at 09.15 hrs.

SCHOOL MASS

There is a full school Mass (OL & St. Anne) on Monday 11 October at 09.15.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tess Carter who died recently. Her funeral will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's May she rest in peace. Details to follow.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy has returned to face to face sessions from Sunday 12th September, and will take place in the Cenacle during the 10am Sunday Mass each week. For safety reasons, spaces are limited for now and you will need to book before arriving. Email childrensliturgy.stannes@gmail.com for details about how to book. Children's Liturgy welcomes all children of all ages up to when they make their First Holy Communion. Pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult.

SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER

There is now an option to sign up for the newsletter on the front page of the website.

"CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 1ST OCTOBER AND CLIMATE APPEAL:

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope which will be handed out at the end of Mass by Damian Porter and Pam Beyts [if they arrive on time]. There will also be a short talk and collection at Sunday Mass on ideas for how you can join in Family Fast Day. You can also easily give via text. Choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580".

"ST ANNE'S VEGGIE

COOKBOOK!" Eating less meat is good for the environment. God's creation. Share vegetarian recipes by emailing damianrporter@gmail.com, copy to ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk. We will build a library of recipes, and aim to share in the future in a 'St Anne's Veggie cookbook'. with a little credit of course to each contributor.



OUR LADY'S LAMP This week's lamp is lit:
for Canon Giles Goward. Please keep him in your prayers.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): Despite our best ambitions, rather than approach life with religious standards we judge things by worldly standards. The great French preacher of the 17th century, Jacques-Benigne Bossuet, used to encourage in his fashionable congregations *mépris du monde* – disdain of the world. It is often the case that people with power, authority and influence will guard it jealously and exercise it in a way which promotes their status more than it actually serves others. The Book of Numbers reveals that this kind of behaviour is at odds with what God wants. Joshua has to learn that leadership is about service and Moses as a true leader has the humility to teach him. So too the apostle James, author of a letter to an early Christian community, disabuses his readers of the view that wealth brings freedom. We are only travellers and we should always live with an eye to our final destination.

First Reading (OT): Numbers 11, 25 – 29: This is the fourth of the OT historical books and it relates the people’s wanderings as they made their way to the Promised Land. Soon after setting off from Mount Sinai the people complain about the difficulties they are experiencing and the task of leadership seems to be just too much for Moses. He appeals to God for help and God’s answer is to share some of the spirit that Moses has with seventy chosen leaders (delegation/sub-contracting models already in the OT!). This event occurs in the Tent of Meeting, the place of the divine presence in the camp. The cloud indicates God’s presence in the tent yet it is clear from what follows that this is not the only way in which God acts. Joshua notices that two outsiders are prophesying and he wants Moses to intervene and display his authority. But Moses sees quite clearly that God’s spirit goes wherever it wills and sighs, wishing that the Lord had given his Spirit to everyone in Israel.

Second Reading (NT): James 5, 1 – 6: We will have noticed from the readings on previous Sundays that James is direct and forthright. He has already fired a shot across the bows of the rich, particularly in regard to the way they presumptuously exercise power. They act as if they were always in control of their own destiny. This is clearly not the case. In a manner typical of the OT prophets, James warns them that they will be held accountable for their actions. In the Day of Judgement their wealth will be of no benefit to them if they have cheated their workers and done nothing to alleviate the sufferings of others.

Gospel: Mark 9, 38 – 43, 47 – 48: In this mixed series of messages from Jesus there is a challenge to all who claim to follow him to pay attention to their attitudes and motivation. This is because they have been given an awesome responsibility and they must not presume they are somehow superior to others. Just because someone is not “one of us” does not mean the Spirit is not working in him/her. There is no place for elitism among Jesus’ followers and indeed anyone who shows them a simple kindness will be blessed. This means that there is an onus on the disciples to reflect the work and attitudes of their master.

Mass Intentions for Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time

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Year B

Saturday	25 th September	17.30	Reg Turner (recently deceased)
Sunday	26 th September	10.00	Henri & Paulette Waro RIP
Monday	27 th September	09.15	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>			
Tuesday	28 th September	09.15	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Wenceslaus, Martyr</i>			
Wednesday	29 th September	No Mass	
<i>Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</i>			
Thursday	30 th September	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>			
Friday	1 st October	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus Virgin, Doctor of the Church</i>			
Saturday	2 nd October	10am	Private intention
<i>Memorial of the Guardian Angels</i>			

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	2 nd October	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	3 rd October	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP